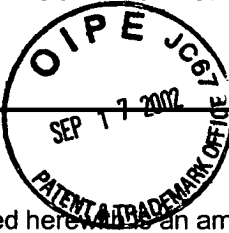
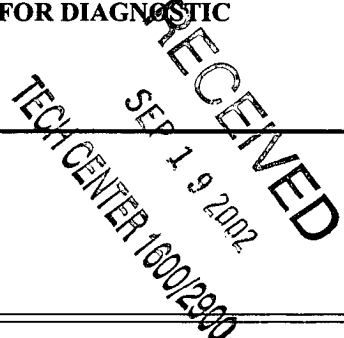
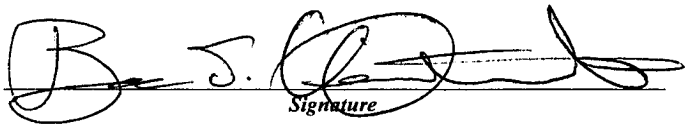



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In response to the Final Rejection of April 11, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following Amendment.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10 and 12-17 are in the present application.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-4, 6, 13, 14 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by Essinfeld et al. The presently claimed invention is not anticipated by the cited prior art.